

Of the old Indian graveyards, the Hilderbrand Cemetery was probably the largest and oldest. Another of the old Indian burial places was the Oldfield Cemetery. Both of these cemeteries were located along Grand River. With the coming of Grand River Dam, the two graveyards were moved to higher ground. The Zona Cemetery contains graves of many prominent Indians of long ago, and is still in use to-day.

A short distance north of Mr. Wood's home is what remains of Dennis. Dennis was a little village having a store and post office at one time serving the Sweetwater Hollow Indian community. Grand Lake wiped out most of the farms and dwellings in this area, and nothing remains now as evidence of a once happy community.

Mr. Wood reflects on the many changes he has observed in his time. Land clearing by white cattlemen being one of the most notable changes, and the steady inflow of white men buying up land and taking over this part of Indian country. Road improvement has been another important change he has witnessed. In early days what roads they had were maintained by what was known as "Poll tax" work, where men worked as singlehand, or with team and wagon or slip scraper. No gravel roads existed then, and roads were wherever a wagon could go to cross the country.

Mr. Wood did not enter much to school learning. He did attend Buzzard Bend school and later went to Zona School. He quit before he finished to work with his father on the farm. Oak Grove School was also a place of learning in the area. All of these schools are gone now.